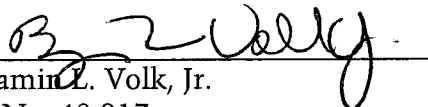


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In re application of:
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Serial No.: 09/698,502

Filed: October 27, 2000

For: Method for Completing and Storing an
Electronic Rental Agreement

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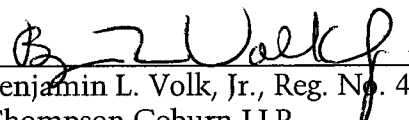
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LETTER TO EXAMINER

To confirm our previous discussion during which we scheduled an interview at the USPTO on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 2 p.m. EST, enclosed please find an Interview Request form. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/698,502 First Named Applicant: Nereida Maria Menendez
Examiner: Vig, Naresh Art Unit: 3629 Status of Application: pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Benjamin L. Volk, Jr. (2) Naveen Modi
(3) Renee Reuter (4) David Smith

Proposed Date of Interview: 1/7/09 Proposed Time: 2:00 p.m. EST AM/PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Claim Interpretation Issues</u>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Prior Art References</u>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

We intend to discuss the meanings of the terms "reservation" and "rental agreement" within the rental car industry,
and how the claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

/Benjamin L. Volk, Jr./

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Benjamin L. Volk, Jr.

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Examiner/SPE Signature

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